

Letter Bk. III should be gone from Colo Prathers before my Letter can be carried thither, but I beg the favour of you to present my best Respects to His Excellency & I shall do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of his obliging Letter of the 20th of June by the first opportunity, I shall likewise write to M^r Kilby as soon as M^r Ross returns who is expected here every hour. It is now more than a week since I sent one James Long from this Place to collect all the waggons that he could & to carry them to Carlyle, he has the Character of being a very clever Fellow about Waggons & I hope his Dilligence on this occasion will recommend him to your notice. I am &c. P. S. If the General will have the Road mentioned in Capt Shelby's Report made within these three weeks You must reinforce Major Wells with 150 Men & there ought to be 150 employed on this Side Sidling Hill. I wish I was not obliged to send any of the Maryland Soldiers to convoy the Canoes for they have been used to work 7 Days in a week nor are their Officers afraid of their being injured by it. The Felling Axes that you sent hither are easily broken nor are they half heavy enough. The miners Tools came yesterday from Fort Loudoun but our miner is at Fort Cumberland. I suppose you have desired Colo. Washington to send some of his men to open the Road from Fort Cumberland to the Town Creek. Pray shall I have an opportunity of seeing the General or you before you go to Fort Cumberland without coming to Carlyle.

[Sharpe to St. Clair.]

Fort Frederick the 8th of July 1758 P. M.

Sir

Inclosed you have an Invoice of the Stores that I sent last Sunday to Fort Cumberland. The Canoes are just returned but the men say it will be impossible for them to make another Trip unless it should rain as the waters of Potowmack are fallen more than two Inches since they left this Place & they were obliged as they went up this time to drag their Canoes at many Places. They left the Convoy yesterday noon at the Old Town where the Stores were landed. As soon as Capt Ware returns which he will I suppose within these two Days I shall order him also on the Road with that Party tho it will seem a little hard for our People to be obliged to lye exposed in the open Air while all the others have Tents. Could not you send me some mattocks? I am—